

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SLAGA, et al	§	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 115

This amendment is made in anticipation of a restriction requirement, and in an effort to speed consideration and action on the subject application.

Please cancel claims 3 - 33. Claims 1 and 2 are believed to be that which Examiner would consider a single species, at least at the initiation of examination. One or more of claims 3 - 33 may be re-inserted in the event that generic protection is indicated which would allow consideration of such claims.

Please add the following new claims:

34. A method of inducing apoptosis in cancerous tissues comprising the steps of:

administering a therapeutic dosage of a composition containing 2-methoxyestradiol to a cancerous tissues, said administration continuing at least